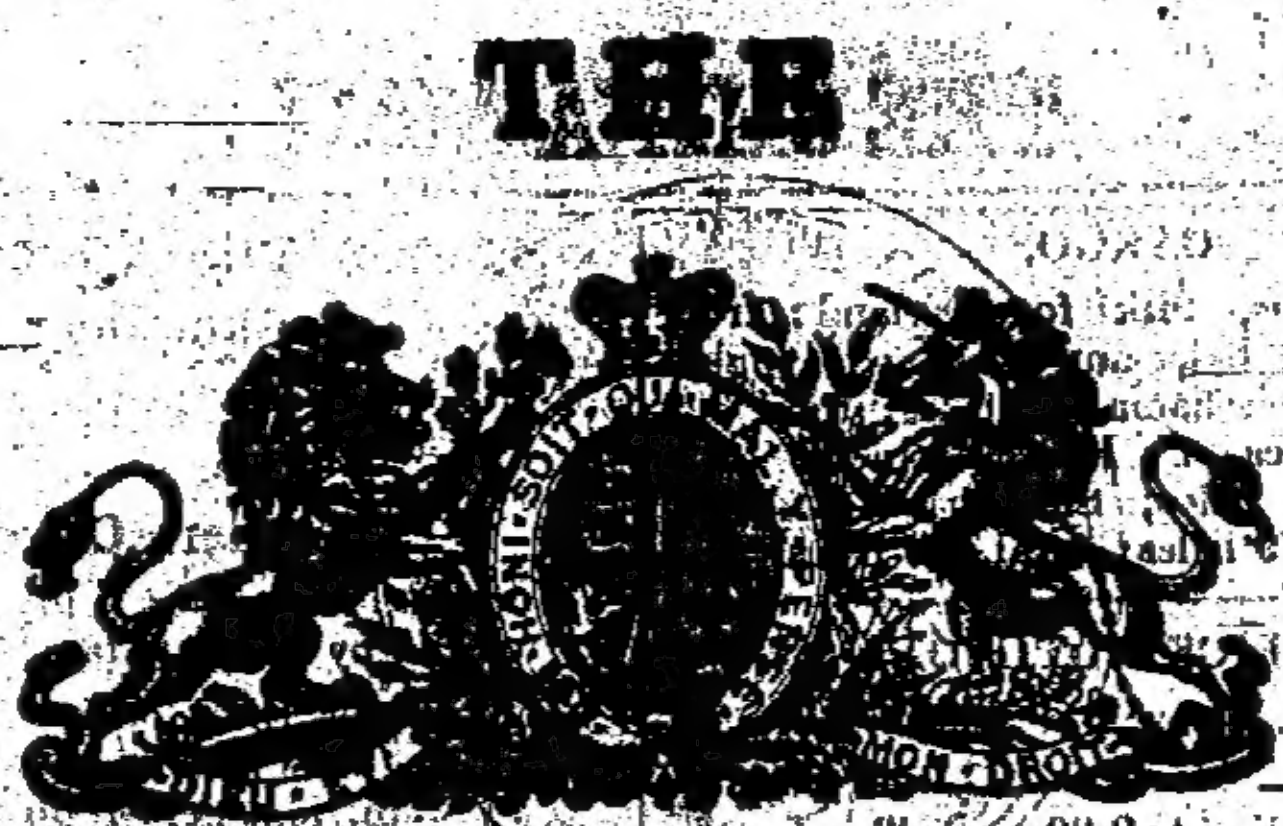


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INCORPORATED BY NATIONAL DECREE OF 7TH AND 8TH MARCH, 1848.

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France. & Sterling.
PAID-UP CAPITAL, 80,000,000 2,000,000
RESERVE FUND, 20,000,000 500,000

HEAD OFFICE.—14, Rue Bergère, Paris.
LONDON BRANCH.—144, Leadenhall St., E.C.

AGENTS.—At Nantes, Lyons, Marseilles, Brussels, Bombay, Calcutta, St. Denis (Ile de la Réunion), Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama.

LONDON BANKERS.—Bank of England, Union Bank of London.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

INTEREST ALLOWED
ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the monthly minimum balance, and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained at the office.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Offices in Hongkong: Bank Buildings, Queen's Road, Hongkong, May 14, 1875.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—E. R. BELLING, Esq.
Deputy Chairman.—AD. ANDER, Esq.
J. F. CORDON, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq.
H. HOPKINS, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
A. McIVER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, JAMES GRIGG, Esq.

Manager.

Shanghai, EWIN CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED
ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 4 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 5 per cent. " "
" 12 " 6 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JAMES GRIGG, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

HONGKONG

HORTICULTURAL SHOW, 1876.

THE ANNUAL FLOWER, FRUIT, and VEGETABLE Show will be held in the PUBLIC GARDENS on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 18th and 19th instants. Open to Visitors on each day at 2 p.m. Intending Exhibitors are invited to send plants in Pots on the 17th instants, and plants in the Ground on the 18th instants. By kind permission of the Colonel and Officers of H. M.'s 28th Regiment, the Band will play at 10 a.m. on the 18th instants. Tickets obtainable at Messrs. LARSEN, CHAYFORD & CO.'s, 144, Leadenhall Street, London, E.C. 3.
Hongkong, February 18, 1876. 1618

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I Have this day authorized Mr. J. V. V. SHAW to sign my name per procuration.

A. MACG. HEATON.
Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

FROM this date and until further notice, Mr. G. DE CHAMPAUX will act, as this Port, as Agent of the above Company. By Order of the Directors.

G. DE CHAMPAUX.
Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of the late Mr. SIMON DRAON in our Firm, ceased on the 9th September last. Mr. ALFRED T. DUYAL was admitted a Partner therein on the 1st ultimo.

DEACON & Co.
Canton, February 1, 1876. 1617

NOTICE.

WE have Established branches of our Firm at Haiphong and Hanoi. Mr. E. COMTE is authorized to sign by procuration in Tonquin.

LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

NOTICE.

MR. MEYER ELIAS SASSOON has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from the 1st January ultimo.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.
Hongkong, February 3, 1876. 1618

NOTICE.

THE Underigned have entered into Co-partnership from the First day of January, 1876, in the Business of Ship-brokers at this Port, under the style of MORRIS & RAY.

A. G. MORRIS.
E. C. RAY.

Bank Buildings,
Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

Intimations.

HOTEL DES COLONIES, SHANGHAI.

LES Propriétaires de l'Hotel des Colonies ont l'honneur d'informer M. M. les Voyageurs qu'ils viennent d'annexer à leur restaurant, dont le haute renommée est si bien connue, une nouvelle maison, y attenante, qui leur permet d'offrir des Chambres Splendides réunissant tout le confortable, désirable, Chambres pour familles, Salles de Bains, &c., &c.

Voitures à la disposition de M. M. les Voyageurs. La Salle de Billard et la Salle de Jeux sont complétement séparées de l'Hotel ce qui est une sécurité pour le bien être des visiteurs.

Les soins les plus minutieux apportés dans tous les services sont une garantie pour M. M. les Voyageurs dont le patronage est sollicité.

A. SCHOON & Co.,
Propriétaires.

Shanghai, le 10 Février, 1876. 1615

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, marked on the covers, "Tenders for Army Contracts," will be Received by the Underigned until Noon on SATURDAY, the 19th inst., for the undermentioned SUPPLIES and SERVICES required by the War Department at Hongkong and Outposts, during the year from the 1st April, 1876, to the 31st Mar., 1877, viz.:

1.—For Her Majesty's Troops.—Provisions, Fuel and Light, &c., &c.
2.—For Hospitals.—Provisions, Wines, Porters, Ale, Spirits, &c., &c.
3.—Washing and Repairing Barrack and Hospital Bedding and Clothing; Repairing Utensils.
4.—Cleaning the Roads, Parades, &c., at the various Cantonments, and other Savanagers' work; also Cleaning and Lighting Exterior Lamps, &c. (Sweeping Chimneys, Flues, and Stove Pipes.
5.—Cleaning Nullahs.

There will be separate Tender for each of the five items. No tender will be accepted from any person in Government employ.

Samples of certain of the articles required, in accordance with which supplies must be furnished, can be seen at this office; where Plans of Tender (no other than those issued by the Department will be recognized), conditions of contract, Specification and plan of the Sewanagers' Contract, and any further information that may be required, can be obtained upon application between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.

O. B. HERVINTON,
Lieut. Colonel, Assistant Controller.

Control Office,
Hongkong, February 14, 1876. 1619

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, Club Chambers, on MONDAY, the 28th February, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1875, the Report of the Directors; for the election of Directors and Auditors; also to declare a Dividend.

By Order of the Board,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 12, 1876. 1623

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 20th instants, both days included.

By Order,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 12, 1876. 1620

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

TENDERS are invited up to the 19th instants, at Noon, for Hauling up for Examination and making the necessary Repairs to the British Barque James Fincombe. Also for the supply of such Yellow Metal and Nails (studs) as may be required.

Apply to
Capt. McPHERSON.
Hongkong, February 14, 1876. 1619

TENDERS are invited up to Noon of the 21st instants, for the Removal of the Old Foremast of the "ISLES OF THE SOUTH," and for Replacing it by a New One.

Apply to
THE BORNEO CO., LIMITED.
Hongkong, February 17, 1876. 1621

WANTED, to CHARTER, a VESSEL to carry 300 to 500 Tons large Tallow, Coal, either from Hongkong or Nagasaki to Providence Bay, Bellingham Straits, in Lat. 64 deg. 22m. 30.74 N., Long. 173 deg. 17m. 18.54 W. To arrive about 12th June.

Tenders cannot be received after 21st instants.
For Particulars, apply, between 9 and 11 a.m., to
Captain NOVOSILSKY,
H.R.M.S. "VADNICK,"
Hongkong, February 15, 1876. 1622

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Dividend, at the rate of 4% or \$3 per Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held this Day, will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on and after THURSDAY, the 27th instants.

Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 24, 1876.

G. O. ROGERS, DENTAL SURGEON, No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD, (will be absent at Canton for a few days from the 28th instants.)
Hongkong, February 16, 1876.

OFFICERS' MESS, 22ND REGT.

THE Officers 22nd Regt. will not hold themselves Responsible for any Debts contracted by their Messman.

By Order,
FRANCIS E. WEBB,
Capt. & Mess President.
Murray Barracks,
Hongkong, February 15, 1876. 1623

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the half-year ending on 31st December last, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, say \$3.75 per paid-up Share of \$125, is payable on and after FRIDAY, the 18th instants, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JAMES GRIGG,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

Entertainments.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

THE THIRD CONCERT of the Season will be given in the CITY HALL on TUESDAY EVENING, February 22nd, commencing at 8 o'clock.

Tickets may be obtained of Messrs LARSEN, CHAYFORD & Co., on and after SATURDAY Next.

ROBERT G. ALFORD,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, February 14, 1876. 1620

For Sale.

SOME very superior OLD PORT WINE, just received, in cases of One or Two Dozen bottles each.

Apply to
J. J. dos REMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, February 15, 1876. 1616

FOR SALE.

THE UNDERMENTIONED LAND AND BUILDINGS—
AT HONGKONG.

INLAND LOT 82.—The well-known House and Offices lately occupied by Messrs A. Heard & Co., adjoining the Cathedral Compound.

The Ground below the masonry retaining wall of the above, abutting on the Queen's Road.

Annual Crown rent, \$890.48.
MARINE LOT 111, WACHAI.—First-class and extensive Godown.

Annual Crown rent, \$324.
INLAND LOT 591.—Situated on the Bonham Road and one of the finest sites for Villa residences in the Colony.

Annual Crown rent, \$79.75.
FARM LOT 17, POYPOO, adjoining Messrs Butterfield & Swire's premises.

Annual Crown rent, \$25.
AT KOWLOONG.—
MARINE LOT 4.—With a frontage of 100 feet on the Praya, and with an area of 80,000 feet.

Reduced Annual Crown rent, \$10.
AT YOKOHAMA.—
Lots No. 6 and No. 97 in the Foreign Settlement.

No. 6 is situated on the Rind, and comprises an eight-roomed Dwelling House, detached, with Garden all round, Offices, Godowns, Servants' Quarters and Outhouses. Area 1,064 Tanabs of 36 square feet.

Annual Ground rent, \$263.79.
No. 97 is separated from No. 6 by Water Street and comprises large Tea Firing, and other Godowns, Flax Silk Press, Compressor's Quarters, Stabling and Fire Engine House. Area, 564 Tanabs.

Ground rent, \$154.97 per annum.
Applications for purchase, or further information, to be made to
J. WHITFIELD,
T. G. LINTSEAD,
Trustees of A. Heard & Co.'s Estate,
23, Queen's Road, Hongkong.
Hongkong, February 1, 1876.

Auctions.

FURNITURE SALE.
ELEGANT ENGLISH AND CANTON-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, SEMI-GRAND PIANO, PARK PHAETON AND PAIR OF PONIES.

A FINE COLLECTION OF PEARLS, GEMSTONES, RINGS, AND OTHER CHOICE PLANTS.

L. ANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on
TUESDAY,
the 29th February, 1876, at Noon, at
"DUART," CAINE ROAD.

The Residence of the Honorable T. O. HATILAR, Esq.—
The whole of his Handsome and Substantially made HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising—
Handsome Carved EBONY SIDE and CENTRE TABLES; Mahogany and Oak Dining Tables; Mahogany and Oak Chairs; Covered Bombay Blackwood COUCHES and FLOWER STANDS; Japanese CABINETS; Hand-painted MIRRORS; OIL PAINTINGS; OROLOGES; LITHOGRAPHS; ENGRAVINGS; CARPETS; Window Curtains; Gilt Cornices; Gasaliers; Aquariums; Bronze and Porcelain VASES.

Handsome BOOK CASE, Carved SIDEBOARD with MIRROR BACK, Glass and Crockery Ware, Silver and Electro Plated Table Ware, Whistling Chairs, Clocks, Plated Candlesticks.

Handsome GILT BRASS BEDSTEAD with Feather Mattresses, BUREAU with Mirror, Wardrobe, Chest of Drawers, Marble-top Washstands, Toilet Glasses, Oval Glasses, Iron and Brass Bedsteads, Lamps, &c., &c.

A GRAND PIANO by J. Broadwood & Sons, made expressly to stand this Climate.

One 4-wheeled PARK PHAETON, by LARRY, with a pair of WHITE PONIES and Double Set SILVER MOUNTED HARNESS.

Ladies' & Gentlemen's Sedan CHAIRS. &c., &c.

The Carriage and Ponies, and the Plants will be sold at 4 o'clock.
Catalogues will be issued prior to the Sale, and the Furniture will be on view on MONDAY, the 28th February, 1876.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. The lots, with all faults and errors of description whatsoever, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, Feb. 14, 1876. 1623

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

SUBSTANTIAL ENGLISH AND COLO-NIAL MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ENGRAVINGS, GLASS-WARE, PLATED-WARE, PIANO, &c., &c., &c.

THE Underigned has received instructions from JOHN G. SMITH, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on
MONDAY,
the 28th day of February, 1876, at Noon, at his residence, "Ida Wild," owing to change of residence.

The whole of his Substantial English and Colonial-made Household FURNITURE, &c., comprising: Drawing, Dining and Bed Room Suites; Glassware, Plated Ware, Dinner, Dessert and Breakfast Sets; Engravings; Fine Glasses, Gasaliers, Gas, Brackets, Carpets, Window Curtains, and Cornices; Marble-top Tables, Book Case, Dining Table, Side Board, Whistling Chairs, Iron Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Toilet Tables, Washstands and Services, &c., &c.

A Cottage PIANO, Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer,
Hongkong, Feb. 17, 1876. 1628

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR COOKTOWN (DIRECT).
The Steamship
"NAMO,"
Capt. WESTON, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 19th instants, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.
Hongkong, February 14, 1876. 1619

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & POOCHOW.

The Steamship
"DOUGLAS,"
Capt. BURNIE, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 19th instants, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.
Hongkong, February 17, 1876. 1620

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.
Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for HANKOW, NINGPO & PORTS IN JAPAN.

The Company's Steamship
"DIOMED,"
will be despatched on or about the 26th instants.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 16, 1876. 1625

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Company's Steamship
"MENDLAUS,"
will be despatched on or about the 26th instants.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 16, 1876. 1626

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA.

The F. & O. S. N. Co.'s S.S. "MALACCA" will leave for the above place shortly after the arrival of the Tehran with the next English Mail.

A. McIVER,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for NAGASAKI & HIOGO.)
The F. & O. S. N. Co.'s S.S. "THERAN" will leave for the above place about 24 hours after the arrival with the next English Mail.

A. McIVER,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.
The Steamship
"CASSANDRA,"
Capt. LAMON, will leave for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 21st instants, at 8 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, February 16, 1876. 1621

FOR COOKTOWN AND SYDNEY.

The Steamship
"LIFE-MOON,"
Capt. G. B. STEVEN, will be despatched as above on the 23rd instants.

For Freight or Passage (having excellent accommodation for first-class passengers), apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, February 14, 1876. 1623

Sailing Vessels.

FOR LONDON.

The A.1 British Bark
"ORANGE LEA,"
of 605 Tons Register, Capt. T. LANT, will load here and at Whampoa, and will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, January 10, 1876.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A.1 American Bark
"CRUZZER,"
FRAN. GORHAM, Master, will load here and at Whampoa, and will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, January 21, 1876. 1624

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).

The A.1 American Ship
"SAMUEL G. REED,"
WHITE, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, February 1, 1876.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

Mails.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUERZ,
ISMAILA, PORT SAID, NAPLES,
AND MARSEILLES;
ALSO,
BOMBAY, ST. DENIS AND PORT
LOUIS.

ON THURSDAY, the 24th February,
1876, at Noon, the Company's S. S.
DIEMER, Commandant FLAMBEAU,
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.
Shipping orders will be granted till noon,
Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.
on the 23rd February, 1876. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)
Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.
For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, February 16, 1876. f24

For Sale.

CLEARANCE SALE.

SAYLE & Co. will offer, on
and after TUESDAY Next,
the 18th Instant, the re-
mainder of their Winter
Stock at Greatly Reduced
Prices, consisting of:—

Winter Costumes and Polonaises.
Ladies' Jackets and Mantillas.
Fancy Dress materials of all kinds.
Wool Plaids and Flannels.
Silks and Poplins.
Wool Shawls and Cloaks.
Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats
and Bonnets.

Fancy Wool Goods.
Lace and Linen Sets.
Scarves and Sashes.
Boys' Suits.

&c., &c., &c.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

TAKASIMA COLLIERY.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

FOR SALE.

FRESH Takasima COAL, in lots to
suit purchasers. LABR, Handpicked,
Double-screened at \$8 per Ton. SMALL,
at \$6 per Ton.

Apply to
T. G. GLOVER,
No. 7, Queen's Road and at East Point.
Hongkong, December 3, 1875.

Notices to Consignees.

S. S. LORD OF THE ISLES,
FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that
their Goods are being landed, at their risk,
by Mr. A. McG. HEATON, into the Godowns
of Messrs Gilman & Co., whence delivery
may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their
Goods on the Wharf, are at liberty to do so.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless notice to the contrary be given
before 10 a.m. To-morrow.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods
remaining after the 22nd Instant will be
subject to rent.

No fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 14, 1876. f22

NOTICE.

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL
CARGO, EX O. S. S. CO.'S S. S.
STENTOR, FROM LIVERPOOL.

SHIPPING Orders must be obtained from
the Underwriter not later than the
26th Inst., for shipment per S. S. Diomed.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 16, 1876. f20

BRITISH BARK MAHINA,
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
named Vessel are requested to send
in their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter
for countersignature, and to take immediate
delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
vessel, will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 4, 1876.

Notices to Consignees.

GERMAN STEAMSHIP "BELLONA"
TIGHEMYER, Master, FROM HAMBURG
VIA SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
Steamer are hereby informed that
their Goods are being landed and stored at
their risk in the Godowns of the Under-
signed, from whence delivery may be ob-
tained.

Consignees wishing to take their Goods
from the boats alongside the Wharf, are at
liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 24th
Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary is given until 12
o'clock on the 15th Instant.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
WM. PURTAL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 14, 1876. f24

BRITISH SHIP GRYFE, FROM
LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-
signed for countersignature, and to take im-
mediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
vessel, will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1875.

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE
OF HIS EXCELLENCY SIR ARTHUR
KERRARD, K.C.M.G., C.B.

French OPERA COMIQUE
TROUPE, lately of PARIS, LONDON,
ST. PETERSBURG, NEW YORK AND SAIGON.

Will have the honour of giving their next
Performance, on

Saturday Evening,

February 19th, 1876.

"LE VIOLONEUSE,"

OPERA COMIQUE, MUSIC BY OFFENBACH.

SELECTIONS FROM

"LA VIE PARISIENNE,"

OPÉRETTE NOUVELE, MUSIC BY OFFENBACH.

Accompanied by Mr. L'AUNEY CÉPHAS,
Director.

By general desire the Company have
decided to give two more Performances.

Admission:—Dress Circle and Stalls, \$3;
Back Seats, \$1. Doors open at 8 o'clock;
Performance to commence at 8.

Tickets may be had and seats secured at
Messrs. KAVIS & Co., also at the door of
the Theatre, on the night of Performance.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

PROGRAMME OF CONCERT

To be given at the

CITY HALL,

ON

Tuesday Evening,

February 22, 1876,

COMMENCING AT 9 O'CLOCK.

PART I.

No. 1. Quintette.—Pianoforte, Two Violins,
Viola, and Violoncello, Andante
and Intermezzo. Carl Reinecke.
Op. 83.

No. 2. Chorus.—"Lift up your heads."—
Messiah.

No. 3. Bass Solo.—"Jaggedle."—Mendels-
sohn.

No. 4. Chorus.—"How lovely are the
Messengers."—St. Paul.

No. 5. Duet.—Soprano and Mezzo-Soprano.
"Recorders," from Verdi's "Re-
quiem."

No. 6. Solo and Chorus.—"The Marylous
Work."—Creation.

PART II.

No. 7. Trio.—Pianoforte, Violin and Vi-
oloncello, Adagio Cantabile,
and Rondo all' Ongarese (from first Trio).
—Haydn.

No. 8. Vocal Quartette.—"The Tare Song."
—Hutton.

No. 9. Violoncello Solo.—"Schlummerlied,"
—Hutton.

No. 10. Solo and Chorus.—"La Carità."—
Rossini.

No. 11. Solo and Chorus.—"God Save the
Queen."

Tickets price \$2 each, may be obtained of
Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and at
the door of the Hall on the night of the
Concert.

ROBERT G. ALFORD,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 18, 1876. f23

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 17. Humboldt, German barque,
830 A. F. Stur, Bangkok Jan. 8, Rice,
Edwards & Co.

Feb. 18. Loeyuen, from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

Feb. 17. Amoy, for Canton.

17. Lord of the Isles, for Shanghai.

17. Lyons, for Bangkok.

18. Fortuna, for Bangkok.

18. China, for Shanghai via Ningpo.

18. Altona, for Saigon.

18. Olympia, for Singapore, &c.

18. Balona, for Shanghai.

18. Bowen, for Canton.

18. Johann Schidt, for Keelung.

CLEARING.

Augusta, for Whampoa.

Lee Yuen, for Shanghai.

Dora, for Sual.

Norma, for Swatow.

Craigie, for London.

Liberator, for Manila.

Outa, for Hajang (Borneo).

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTER.—Per Bowen, for Sydney, Mr.
Lanhardt, and 240 Chinese to Australian
ports.

Per Olympia, Lieut. Howard, Mr. G. H.
Henti, and 14 invalids.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German barque Humboldt reports
strong S. E. winds with heavy sea through-
out.

CARGO.

Per Guelph, Silk for England, from
Hongkong 10 bales and 4 cases; Shanghai
271 bales; Yohama 48 bales; total 349
bales and 4 cases. Yams, Chittagong, from
Hongkong 5 bales; Shanghai 144 bales;
Yohama 179 bales; total 328 bales.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS WILL CLOSE:—

For AMOY.—

Per OCEAN, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow,
the 19th Inst.

For SINGAPORE & RANGOON.—

Per BURMERE, at 11.30 a.m. on Satur-
day, the 19th Inst., instead of as
previously notified.

For COOKTOWN.—

Per NARORA, at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday,
the 19th Inst.

For SAIGON.—

Per THINGVALLA, at 2.30 p.m. To-
morrow, the 19th Inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOH.—

Per DOUGLAS, at 5 p.m. on Saturday,
the 19th Inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOH.—

Per YUNGHOING, at 5 p.m. To-mor-
row, the 19th Inst.

For SWATOW.—

Per NORNA, at 7.30 a.m. on Monday,
the 21st Inst.

For SINGAPORE AND PENANG.—

Per CASSANDRA, at 2.30 p.m. on
Monday, the 21st Inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet DIEMER
will be despatched on THURSDAY
the 24th Instant, with Mails to and
through the United Kingdom via
Marseilles, to Europe, Saigon, Singa-
pore, Galle, Australia, New Zea-
land, Aden, Seychelles, Reunion,
Mauritius, Suva, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing
the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 23rd.—

5 p.m. Money Order Office closes. Post
Office closes except the NIGHT BOX,
which remains open all night.

Thursday, 24th.—

7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late
Letters.

(11.10 a.m. Letters (but Letters only)
addressed to the United Kingdom or
to Singapore, may be posted on
payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents
extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes
entirely.

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, February 10, 1876. f24

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet OCEANIC,
will be despatched on WEDNESDAY,
the 1st March, at 3 p.m. with the
Mails.

For Yokohama, San Francisco, the United
States and the United Kingdom.

The Post Office will be open for the reception
of Ordinary Letters, Books, News-
papers, &c., until 2.30 p.m.

Letters can be posted on board the Packet
from 2.30 p.m. to 2.50 p.m. on payment
of a Late Fee of 12 cents in addition
to the Postage.

The prepayment of the Postage to all the
above places by this route is compul-
sory. Correspondence insufficiently
prepaid will be forwarded by the En-
glish Packets.

Correspondence addressed to Yokohama,
and the United States must be super-
scribed per Oceanic, and that address-
ed to the United Kingdom must be
superinscribed "via San Francisco."

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, Feb. 17, 1876. m1

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet GOLOONDA,
will be despatched with the Mails for
Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the
2nd March.

The following will be the hours of closing
the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 1st March.

5 p.m. Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m. Post Office closes except the NIGHT
Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 2nd March.

7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late
Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m. Letters may be posted on
payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents
extra postage until

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes
entirely.

11.30 a.m. Letters (but Letters only)
addressed to the United Kingdom via
Brindisi or to Singapore may be posted
on board the Packet on payment of a
Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage.

11.50 a.m. Posting on Board ceases.

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, Feb. 17, 1876. m2

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, Feb. 20.—

Daylight.—Douglas leaves for Swatow,
Amoy and Foochow.

Monday, Feb. 21.—

8 p.m.—Cassandra leaves for Singapore
and Penang.

8 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Lodge.

Tenders to Repair the British Ship
Itas of the South will be received at
the office of the Agents up to Noon.

Tuesday, Feb. 22.—

9 a.m.—Court at City Hall.

Goods per Lord of the Isles undelivered
after this date subject to rent.

Wednesday, Feb. 23.—

Ly-moon leaves for Cooktown and
Sydney.

Thursday, Feb. 24.—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Poste of
Océan and Europe.

Goods per Balona undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

Hongkong Ration.—First Day.

Friday, Feb. 25.—

Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs.
Lane, Crawford & Co.

Diomed leaves for Shanghai on 2nd inst.

Second Day.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—Namos leaves for Cooktown
(direct).

Tenders Close.

Noon.—Tenders for Army Contracts re-
ceived by the Assistant Controller.

Tenders for the Repair of the British
Bark James Vincennes, will be received
by Capt. McPherson up to Noon.

Miscellaneous.

2 p.m.—Horticultural Show.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Opera Comique at City Hall.

TO ADVERTISERS.

It is requested that all advertisements be
sent, when practicable, by 4 p.m., to allow of
the early issue of the paper.

The publication of this issue commenced
at 7.30 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEB. 18, 1876.

SOME correspondence which appears in
the *Financial* and the *Money Market*
Review clears up the question regarding
the ultimate ownership of the Suez
Canal. It had been stated that, in 1858,
the Canal works, land, and everything
appertaining to the Canal, would lapse,
by the expiration of the concession, to
the Khedive; and that, as England had
purchased the Khedive's shares, with all
their reversionary interests, the owner-
ship of the Canal would thus fall into the
hands of the British Government on the
expiration of the concession to the Les-
sees Company. This is a mistake. The
reversionary interest of the Khedive and
his successors in the Canal is a reserved
sovereign right under the original con-
cession. It is as the "ground landlord,"
and not as a shareholder, that the
Khedive could resume possession of the
Canal. It is understood, however, that
Great Britain, by her recent purchase, has
secured for herself the freehold interest of
177,400th of the "great water-way to
India, China and Australia." Our na-
tive contemporaries may as well note
this view of the purchase in any future
discussions on the recent remarkable
commercial-political stroke of British
policy.

A CORRESPONDENT draws our attention
to a matter of detail touched upon in
our recent remarks respecting the ar-
rangement of the Supreme Court-house,
which seems worthy of consideration.
"Why," he asks, "should the Summary
Court be poked away into a little room,
which is barely large enough to accom-
modate its own officers and the reporters,
when the building contains rooms which
would admirably answer all necessary
purposes?" We thoroughly sympathise
with his query, and re-echo his enquiry.
Why should not the Summary Court be
relegated to the lower storey of the
building, thus giving up the chamber it
occupies to the very necessary purpose of
a waiting room for witnesses? The
suite now occupied by

The Universal Circulating Herald comments against the Chinese superstition of Spiritual Boats sailing about the different parts of their Marine dominions.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The S. S. *Ly-moon* has gone on the Slip at West Point.

The Band of H. M.'s 28th Regiment will commence to play in the Public Gardens, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow, on the occasion of the Flower Show.

It would appear that the French Opera Comique Company has succeeded in thoroughly establishing themselves into the good graces of the Hongkong public; for they were last night again rewarded by a full "house" on the occasion of their third performance. It may be admitted that the first piece was not very well adapted to the limited resources of the troupe. Though *M. Choufouri* (Mr. Poyet) did his utmost to entertain his guests, aided by *Ernestine* (Madame Dorila) and *Babiles* (Mr. Legros), there was a marked paucity of attendance at his soirée. The comparative slowness of *M. Choufouri* before the public, however, was fully counterbalanced by the success of the two leading actresses in *Les Noce de Jeannette*. Madame Dorila (as Jeannette) and Mr. Legros (as Jean) were all that could be desired; both were in good voice, acted their parts admirably, and were most heartily received and applauded all through the piece. Evidently they have now become great favourites on these boards, spite of the lack of the aids usually provided by supernumeraries and orchestras; and when it is considered that they have appeared only three times, this may be accepted as a very high compliment to their vocal and dramatic ability. The minor parts were filled by Madame Dorila and Mr. Poyet, and the accompaniment was as excellent as on the previous occasions. Another performance will be given on Saturday, and two more are promised.

By kind permission of the Commodore, seamen from the various merchant vessels in port are invited to attend the usual Divine Service on board H.M.S. *Victor Emanuel* to-morrow morning at ten o'clock. A launch will go round the harbour to collect those wishing to attend.

The *Indian Statesman* (Bombay) has the following:—"The Commissioner of Ootoma at Hongkong has recently received a quantity of the seeds of the Eucalyptus—or 'Blue Gum' tree of Australia—for public distribution. The antiseptic properties of this tree are well known; and it has the additional recommendation of being a plant of rapid growth." We congratulate Mr. Ford, our worthy Garden Superintendent, on his new honour.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The seventh ordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of this Company took place this afternoon (18th), at the Head Office of the Company, Queen's Road. There were present:—The Hon. H. Lowcock (in the Chair), Hon. P. Byrie, Mr. Moller, Hopplius, Pomeroy, Goughtrie (Secretary), G. Sharp, Wilson, Thos. Green, Burrows, E. Sharp, H. Smith, Kirby, André, Lammett, Vaucler, Landstein, H. Crawford and Leveroy.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman rose to say that he did not know if any of the shareholders wished that the report should be read. As it had been in the hands of the shareholders for some days, he did not think it necessary to read it.

Mr. André said he should like to know something about the return bonus of 20 per cent. which the Company had declared for contributors. He should like to know whether this new arrangement would apply to the earnings of 1874, as the new clause had only been inserted in 1875. He did not think they had legally power to apply the change to the accounts of 1874. He thought the new clause had reference to anything in the future, and not to past profits. The new clause was only put in on the 30th September last, and if the 20 per cent. bonus be made to apply to the profits of 1874, it would be for profits that had been already earned. He did not think they had power to do this.

The Chairman explained that at the time the alteration in the articles of association was made, the Directors were informed by the Company's Counsel that the change could be made to apply retrospectively, and they were also informed that under Article 94 the Directors had power to make any alterations in the division of the Company's profits if the shareholders agreed to them. If Mr. André would refer to Article 94, he would find that it was the question raised. He would see that the Directors had power. Mr. André said that though the motion gave power to the Directors, he did not think

that it would be legal to apply the change retrospectively. The Chairman said the Directors had been informed by the Counsel that it could. Besides, the risks of 1874 had not been run off, and the profits could not therefore have been earned. The shareholders were aware why the change was made, the reason having been stated in the Circular. The Company could not, without making this change, compete on an equal footing with other offices.

Mr. André was aware that the change was a very desirable one, only if it was made to apply to the profits of 1874, then shareholders would have lost by it. If they were not contributors, they would get no more than their 12 per cent interest. The Chairman said the change did not interfere with the interests of any shareholders in any way. The profits were never appropriated to shareholders. They only received twelve per cent interest.

Mr. André said if the contributing shareholders were now to get a return bonus of 20 per cent, that fact should be made known to the public. He asked if it was intended that contributors should ever receive more than 20 per cent. The Chairman replied that most certainly they would. If the business of the Company continued to be what it was now, they could give more than 20 per cent. Mr. André thought 20 per cent was quite enough, and certainly it should not be more. If they gave more, the home offices would give more, and he knew that at least one home office was trying to give more. If this Company gave 30 per cent, the home offices might give 35, and so on, and there would be no end of competition.

The Chairman said he hoped the shareholders did not expect the Directors to pledge themselves to adopt a particular course of action. He thought it best to leave the matter to the Directors themselves to adopt whatever course they saw fit. Without further consideration, he did not think the Directors could pledge themselves not to give more than 20 per cent. He then proposed the adoption of the report.

Mr. André seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

The Chairman said he did not think he had much to say on the report, as the details of the Company's business were given there. There was, they would see, an advance of \$10,000 or \$11,000 in the amount of premiums over those of last year, while the working account also showed an increase of \$10,000, though they had met with considerable losses. He then proposed the confirmation of Mr. Pomeroy as a Director in the place of Mr. W. H. Forbes, who had resigned on his departure from the Colony.

Mr. Burrows seconded the motion, which was then unanimously carried.

The Chairman next proposed the re-election of the Directors.

Mr. Landstein seconded. Carried unanimously.

The re-election of Messrs Edward George and C. M. Kerr, as Auditors, was next proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Hon. P. Byrie, carried unanimously.

The Chairman then announced that this closed the business of the meeting. He was much obliged to the shareholders for their presence, and he hoped they would induce all their friends to contribute business to the Company.

The meeting then separated.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. May.)
18th February, 1876.

LARCENY.
Lo Akam, a servant on board the German barque *Hermann*, was charged with stealing the Captain's pocket book which contained two \$5 notes, five \$1 notes, one five-guinea note, and some papers, on the evening of the 14th inst. The complainant, Capt. J. L. Kesal, stated that the defendant was taken on a few days ago. On the 14th instant, about 7 p.m. the complainant had his supper, at which the defendant attended. When supper was over, he was seen to leave the cabin with the complainant's pipe put in tobacco as the complainant had desired, but not appearing after a long time, the complainant shouted out to him, but received no reply. Search was made for him, but it was discovered that he had left the ship. Information was then given to the Police and to Mr. Petersen, who introduced the defendant on board. This morning Captain Kesal received certain information and came up to the Central Station, where he saw the defendant, and also his pocket book with only two \$1 notes and the five-guinea note in it. The defendant stated that he had desired to leave the ship and had asked the complainant for his wages. As the complainant would not give him any, he took the pocket book. Six months' hard labour.

A QUARREL AMONG WOMEN.
Louisa Joseph, the woman who kept the Panorama show at Cochrane Street and who was fined \$10 the other day for selling liquors without a license, summoned three Chinese females for annoying her. She had suffered annoyance frequently from some prostitutes living in the house opposite hers, so that she had to complain to the Magistrate who advised her to summon any who would annoy her again. On the 16th inst., the defendants went to her house, made a noise and called her names. The Magistrate ordered the defendants to give security in \$10 each, to keep the peace for three months.

DISEASED PORK.
The master of the *Hop Kee* pork-stall and the master of the *Hop Kee* pig-stall, were again brought up for sending a diseased pig to the slaughter house to be slaughtered, and the second defendant for selling the same diseased pig to the first defendant. The case was remanded for the Inspector of Markets (Mr. O'Leary) to ascertain whether the pig was liable to sudden eruptions of measles. Mr. O'Leary decided today that he had ascertained that the disease of measles in pigs presented itself suddenly, and within a few hours spots were discernible. Under the circumstances the defendants were discharged.

LARCENY.
Ohtu Angan, godown coolie in the employ of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., was charged by Mr. Charles Newman, the sergeant in charge of the firm's private policemen, with stealing about 80 lbs. of raw cotton. He was seen to go out of the premises with a bucket, and as he looked suspicious, the sergeants watched him until he had got beyond the outer gate. The

sergeant then stopped him and found about 30 lbs. of good raw cotton in the bucket. On examining the bale of cotton in the godown, he discovered that one bale had been broken open and a quantity of it abstracted. The defendant, who said that he picked the cotton up in the godown, was sent to two months' hard labour.

LARCENY.
Fung Asam, a youngster and assistant cook to Mr. A. A. Botelho, was suspected of stealing table knives belonging to his employer. The complainant's chief cook subsequently found a knife with a collector of old wares, and he repurchased it from him for 25 cash. He gave a description of the seller, from which it appeared that the prisoner was the boy who stole the knife. The chief cook then taxed the prisoner with the theft, which he afterwards admitted. The case was then remanded in order that the collector of old wares might be arrested. He was found and placed at the bar to-day. The 1st prisoner was sent to 14 days' hard labour and to be twice flogged ten strokes each time with a rattan. The 2nd prisoner was sent to two months' hard labour for receiving stolen goods.

A HARD DRINKER.
Frederick Graf, a seaman unemployed, was again brought up for being drunk. When he was brought up a few days ago for a similar offence, he was seized with a fit while in the Dock. He appeared now to be in a very shaky condition. Fined \$5, in default 7 days' hard labour.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.
(Before the Chief Justice Sir JOHN SMALLEN.)
18th February, 1876.
Regina v. Chan, Look Kong.

LARCENY ON BOARD A STEAMER.
The prisoner, who was charged with stealing a box from a passenger who arrived here in the steamer *Stentor*, on the 8th February, pleaded not guilty.

The following jury was empanelled:—

Messrs H. F. Just, G. A. Kneebone, E. O. Ray, W. H. Ray, Thos. Donald, William Lapley and Thos. Hillowell.

The Attorney General the Hon. J. Bramston prosecuted. He briefly opened the case for the Crown, stating that the prisoner was charged with stealing a box on board a steamer. This was one of those cases which were becoming very frequent, viz. men going on board to commit depredations on passengers on their arrival here in steamers. If the jury believed the witnesses, the case was a very simple one. The owner of the box was a passenger on board the steamer *Stentor*, which arrived here on the 8th instant. The prosecutor missed his box, but it was found afterwards in a boat in the possession of the prisoner.

Lan Acheong, a native of Chinchee, was then called.

His Lordship asked if a Chinchee interpreter was in attendance. He thought the name of the interpreter at the Police Court should have been given in the case.

The Attorney General said the name was in the depositions. Mr. Lee Aimee was the interpreter.

At this juncture, a Chinese Constable, Tam Afat, No. 143, doing duty at the Registrar General's Office, was brought in to act as interpreter from Chinchee to Cantonese, the latter being then translated by Mr. Rosario into English.

In the course of the examination, a long conversation took place between the witness and the Chinchee interpreter on a very simple question, and his Lordship observed that the two men were manifestly not understanding each other.

The Attorney General said he understood that the question was properly put. It was the witness who made a long and different statement.

His Lordship said he could see that the men did not understand each other, and asked if there was no other interpreter to be had.

The Attorney General replied that there was no regular Chinchee interpreter attached to the Court.

His Lordship said there was a Mr. Collins in the Colony, who was a perfect scholar in the Fokien and Chinchee dialects. It was unsatisfactory to the ends of justice that the Court should not have better interpretation than this.

The Attorney General asked his Lordship to make a representation to the Government on the subject.

His Lordship said he had made representations over and over again. He had asked that Mr. Collins should be here. Mr. Alexander, too, had been very earnest about the matter.

The examination was then continued with the same interpretation, but it broke down again. His Lordship observed that the answer was given him as being "yes" in the first instance, and "no" in the second.

The Attorney General said his Lordship misunderstood his question, and asked the witness if he was a passenger instead of a prisoner on board.

His Lordship remarked that he did not care how it arose, but the interpretation was not satisfactory. How could the Judge and Jury believe the evidence on interpretation like this?

The Attorney General said if his Lordship liked, they could have another interpreter.

His Lordship said that he should certainly wish to have another interpreter. It was a very serious matter to the prisoner. Another interpreter was then sent for, and meantime another case was proceeded with.

SUBORAN.

Wong Ayp was next arraigned for breaking into the coalshed at the back of Mr. Sampson's quarters which were opposite the Police Mail Office. A second count charged him with being found on the night of the 23rd January, with some house-breaking instruments in his possession.

The Attorney General stated that on the morning of the 23rd January, the prisoner was found on the top of the coalshed, next to the quarters of Mr. Sampson, a boarding officer stationed at the Harbour Master's Office. He had with him a bag which contained the instruments in question, and the floor of rope produced; as also a broken lock which had been wrung out of the door of the coalshed. The prisoner tried to escape from custody by cutting off his queue.

Evidence was then called, and the prisoner was found guilty on both counts. He was sent to two years' hard labour on each count, but the sentences were to be contemporaneous.

Chan Yook Mong, the prisoner in the

first case, was again brought up, an interpreter for him being found.

Mr. Lee Aimee, Chinchee interpreter at the Magistrate's, was then sworn in to interpret.

After further evidence was called, the prisoner was found guilty and sentenced to three years' hard labour.

The Sessions were then adjourned till to-morrow at 10 a.m. There are only two other cases to be tried.

MEMORIAL AND DECREE ON THE YUNNAN OUTRAGE.

Li Han-chang, Governor of Hu Kwang, Imperial Commissioner for an Enquiry in Yunnan, and Siah Hwan, ex-vice-President of a Board, Imperial Commissioner-adjoint for an enquiry in Yunnan, on their knees represent that a clue has been obtained by investigation to the fact that an officer, lately holding an acting appointment as captain, did lay a plan for opposing the entry of foreigners into the country; and to request a decree, in the first instance, stripping him of his rank, in order that he may be placed on trial.

Your servants have to state that, on being placed in possession of the deposition taken from the prisoners guilty of the murder of Ma K'ai-li (Mr. Margary), they appointed additional delegates in the persons of the Tactful Ting Sze-pin and the Prefect, Tsang Siah him, to co-operate with the Financial and Judicial Commissioners of the province, in subjecting the prisoners to rigorous examination. All that the prisoners confessed and that they had committed robberies and killings one of their accomplices named A Yung, they then and there resolved to resist apprehension, and murdered Ma K'ai-li and his four attendants. They firmly refused, however, to confess who had been their instigator. Wu Ki-liang, for his part, also affirmed that he had had neither knowledge of nor share in planning what took place. Li Chen-kwoh returned the most absolute denial to the statements made in Wei T'o-ma's (Sir Thomas Wade) despatch, and it was not until he had been subjected to repeated cross-examination that he uttered a statement to the effect that "in the 12th moon of last year (January, 1875), the notables of the sub-prefecture of Teng-yueh (Momein), on learning that foreigners were about to come forward at the head of a large body of troops, and fearing that they would commit disorders, raised a force of local trainbands for the protection of their own lives and property; (of which he, or they) had communicated an intimation."

The circumstances thus indicated are sufficient in themselves to warrant suspicion; and, coincidentally, the Brigadier-General of the Sub-king command, Li Sheng, who was sent forward by your servants, proceeded to Teng-yueh and made enquiries there privately, having returned to the provincial capital, reports as follows, viz.:—"That the murder of Ma K'ai-li came of the act of lawless offenders who offered resistance to capture for the commission of robbery, and who secretly gathered together their confederates to obstruct the progress of the foreigners and prevent them from entering the country. [Further, that according to common report along the roads, all this was done by Li Chen-kwoh was not on the spot, nor were any soldiers concerned in the affair.]"

It appears from the correspondence forming part of the case, that in the third moon of this year (April 6th to May 4th, 1875), the Governor, your servant Ts'en Yu-ying, received a report from Li Chen-kwoh, [forwarding] two official letters addressed to him (Li) on separate occasions by the notable of Teng-yueh; and, in this report, there unquestionably appears a statement on the part of Li Chen-kwoh, that [he is] "taking vigorous and active precautionary measures, with the view of stoutly defending the region under his care."

Though Ts'en Yu-ying wrote commending him to quiet the people, and prevent any action on their part (i.e., quiet, or appease, and obstruct, the people), and allow no unfounded alarm to spread, yet this was after the affair had already taken place, and it was too late. It appears from this, consequently, that although Li Chen-kwoh had no intention to commit murder, he is liable to a charge of having laid plans to obstruct [the expedition]; and your servants have agreed, after taking counsel together, that he should not be suffered to take advantage of his official rank as a cover for lying evasions, gaining time with false statements in the dread of incurring punishment. They think that their duty to solicit a rescript, in the first instance, stripping of his rank Li Chen-kwoh, a Colonel by brevet on the list for immediate employment as Lieutenant-Colonel, late acting in the post of Captain-Commandant of Nan-tien, [They propose] to bring him up together with Wu Ki-liang, the officer now already degraded from the rank of Brigadier-General, to be brought without a day's delay to the provincial capital, in order that they may be rigorously examined, as circumstances may require, to the end that the demands of justice may be fulfilled. They accordingly join with your servant Ts'en Yu-ying, Governor and acting Governor-General, in laying this Memorial before the Sacred Glance of Your Majesty the Empress and your Majesty the Emperor.

To this Memorial, the following Decree was issued in reply, on the 24th January, 1876:—Li Han-chang and his colleagues have memorialized Us requesting that an officer, who has vacated the acting appointment of *tu-sie* (captain), be stripped of his official rank and included among the number of the persons about to be arraigned, for the purposes of a judicial enquiry. It has been decreed by Li Chen-kwoh, lately acting as captain in command at Nan-tien, in the proceedings relating to the murder of Ma K'ai-li (Mr. Margary), that the notables of the T'eng-yueh (Momein) jurisdiction, having heard that foreigners were coming in that direction, as the head of a large force of soldiers, collected trainbands for the protection of their persons and property; and that he [he] had communicated an intimation.

[Such being the statement made], it is most necessary that a searching investigation should be at once instituted, in order to ascertain whether any further circumstances are involved. We command that Li Chen-kwoh be forthwith stripped of his rank and handed over to Li Han-chang and his colleagues, to be arraigned together with Tsang Tung-han and Wu Ki-liang, the Brigadier-General and sub-prefect respectively degraded, and subjected, as circumstances may render necessary, to stringent judicial examination, in order that the demands of justice be fulfilled. Let the Yamen concerned take note.—N. O. D. News.

greater success as leader of the Opposition than has hitherto been imagined. But his success has not been great in anything in particular except in remaining quiet. As this is considered by the right hon. gentleman's political supporters to be the highest achievement of which the times have admitted, it must be taken for granted that no fault can be honestly found with the party in office for modest legislative attempts, which at least had the virtue that they did not rouse opposition either in the House or in the country of any greater magnitude than that which assailed the Regimental Exchanges Bill.

The catastrophe consequent upon an ordinary accident in the use of petroleum for the purpose of artificial light on board the *Goldfish*, training-ship naturally suggests serious misgivings as to the employment of that treacherous material. The vessel was under the management of local poor-law officials, and the first question that arises, is, is it the practice for those officers when in charge of workhouses, infirmaries, or pauper schools to adopt the same means of illumination? The horrors of a workhouse, filled with the old, the sick, the imbecile, and very young children, such as constitute the usual residents of such an establishment, set on fire by a similar and by no means uncommon accident to a similar agent, are terrible to contemplate. The cheapness and illuminating power of mineral oil are a great temptation to its use. Improvements in lamps for burning it are carrying it into use far beyond the dwellings and the shops of the poor. To disguise its real nature a variety of false names are given to the product of the oil wells refined up to different degrees of purity. The primary danger of the unrefined or imperfectly refined sort of oil that of giving off a highly inflammable gas at a low temperature—can be avoided by the manufacturer; but nothing we believe, has been done, or possibly can be done, to prevent rock oil, under any of its aliases, when spilled in contact with flame, causing an inextinguishable fire so long as a particle of it remains unburned. A barrel of gunpowder is not a more dangerous piece of furniture in a room than a petroleum lamp under whatever designation it obtained its entrance. It therefore behoves the poor-law and other authorities, under whose supervision large numbers of the poor and the afflicted are assembled beneath the same roof, to look well to their lamps, and more especially to what they burn in them.

THE CALIFORNIA PASSENGER TRAFFIC FOR 1875.
(*Evening Bulletin*.)

Of the sea arrivals for December, 930 were from China and Japan. The totals for the year were—Arrived, 33,826. Departed, 12,752.

The arrivals for the past year were more numerous than for any previous year in the history of the city. Of those by sea, China and Japan sent us nearly 18,400, and withdrew 6,600. Of the remainder, British Columbia sent us upwards of 2,000, Australia and Mexico each over 600, and the Hawaiian Islands nearly 500.

The results of the large immigration to this State last year can hardly be over-estimated. The influence of such a heavy addition to our resident population, as is indicated by deducting the departures from the arrivals, is manifold. Most of these arrivals consist of adult persons, many of them skilled artisans and able-bodied laborers. Apart from the Chinese, most of the persons arriving here have brought more or less ready money; just how much, it is of course difficult to determine. We happen to know of one instance where the party arriving brought \$40,000 with him to invest or loan. There are probably numerous other instances where large sums of money have been added to the capital of the State through these new-comers. At the same time many have arrived in comparatively destitute circumstances. It is probably safe to average the net arrivals, exclusive of Chinese, at \$100 per head. This gives us over \$8,000,000 of added capital in money through the immigration of last year. Those that came merely on a flying visit probably spent \$50 apiece while here, which would make about \$2,000,000 more. But who can calculate the wealth added to the coast by the united labor of the 85,000 who remain?

HOME ITEMS.

It appears from a description of the equipment of the new German field-gun, recently published at Berlin, that the employment of shrapnel, which has for some time been almost entirely discontinued in the German artillery, is now to be resumed, in consequence of the introduction of an improved fuse, which greatly increases their efficiency. The ammunition to be carried in the limber of each light field-gun is to consist of twenty-four grenades and twelve shrapnels; and in that of each heavy field-gun, twenty grenades and ten shrapnels. The gun-carriages will be made of cast-steel plates; and the guns are to be loaded with pebble-powder instead of the ordinary powder hitherto used. Some very considerable additions are also to be made next year to the German navy. Nine vessels—the armed turret-frigates *Preussen* and *Friedrich der Grosse*, three iron-clad gunboats, two corvettes, a yacht, and a torpedo boat—are to be got ready for service; six—the armed turret-frigates *Grosser Kurfurst*, two iron-clad corvettes, two screw corvettes, and an aviso—will be in course of construction; and two corvettes, two gunboats, an aviso, and two torpedo boats are to be newly built. This makes a total of twenty-two ships, all of which will have been built exclusively in Germany. Of the four screw corvettes which are being constructed, two will be the most powerful hitherto known in the German navy. Their engines are to be of 4,500 horse-power, and they will have a tonnage of 2,356 tons, or 860 more than the *Zintheib*, hitherto the largest of the German screw-ships. Each of them will be armed with twelve heavy guns. The four new iron-clad corvettes are to be armed with heavy guns, at a cost of 855,000 marks (242,700 cash, while the guns of the *Preussen*—four 200-pounders and one 110-pounder—only cost 202,500 marks. The iron-clad training squadron, which is to be sent on service for four months and a half next year, will consist of four frigates and one aviso. Another iron-clad frigate will be stationed at Kiel as an "artillery ship." Two smooth-decked corvettes and a gunboat are also to be sent to the West Indies, four corvettes and a gunboat to Eastern Asia, and a gunboat to the Mediterranean.

The year 1875 ends its course in a quiet, which is distinctly at variance with the experience of many weeks of it; though, taken as a whole, it is held to have been historically uneventful. The future may prove otherwise, and make known that the year 1875 has given birth to great men and great ideas. We have not to record in the chronicle of the year's events we publish to-day the loss of any very prominent man of the time; but who shall say that the past year may not have given birth to some distinguished statesman or reformer who shall have universal fame? In like manner, there have been initiated this year, and so much that is treated as mediocre, movements and lines of policy of which the future can alone reveal the importance. Of such are the Suez Canal purchase; the Royal visit to India; the Arctic Expedition; the change in the leadership of the Liberal party; the mobilization of the army; the work of the Foreign Loans Committee; the work of the American Revivists in England; the proposed confederation in South Africa; and the Filmoil movement against rotten ships; and abroad the development of a Constitution for France, and of more intimate relations of foreign Powers with China. Who shall say these and other social, scientific, and religious movements, and the ventures of various departments of State, may not produce of signal importance to the world? Nor need we take a gloomy estimate of the outcome of those events which have most disturbed our peace in the past year. The delay of Turkey has not the same terror for Europe that it had before the great Powers had directed their closest attention to the Eastern question, and decided to be quiet and peaceful. China and Burmah are more disposed to reason, and Russia to recognize that there is danger, and that there are natural barriers to the pursuit of her so-called mission in Central Asia. The year will certainly be known as one marked by calamitous floods all over the world, and by unprecedented disasters to naval and merchant fleets; and by a heavy record of crime, among which stands prominently the alarming discovery of means invented to sink ships at sea; of which the world has hitherto been almost in ignorance.

The political survey of this year is either brilliant or the reverse, according to the party-colours through which it is seen. It is accepted at the close of the year as a fact that the Marquis of Harrington has been a

Quotations.

Hongkong, Feb. 18, 1876.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, 602½
credit, 607½
Old Patna, cash, 602½
credit, 607½
New Benares, cash, 688½
credit, 672½
Old Benares, cash, 688½
credit, 672½
New Malwa, cash, 688½
credit, 680
Allowance Taela, 18 a 30
Old Malwa, cash, 680
credit, 685
Allowance Taela, 16 a 22

CAMPFIRE, 144 a 15
QUICKSILVER, 81
SALTPETRE, 8 a 5½

Exchange.

Bank 6 months' sight, 3/11½
Credit 6 months' sight, 4/0
On Calcutta, Bank demand, R 226
Bombay, demand, R 226
Shanghai, demand, 72½
Shanghai, 30 days' sight, 73
Bar Silver, 11, dwt. 2, 73
Soyes, 25-50
Mexicans, 25-50
Gold Leaf, 25-50
English Sovereigns, 5.05
Australian Sovereigns, 5.06
Discount, 8 a 8

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 4 per cent. prem. ex div.
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$500 ex div.
China Fire Ins. Co., 145
Victoria Fire Ins. Co., 70
H.K. & W. Dock Co., 33½ dls.
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1525
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$600
Chinese Insurance Co., \$220
North China Ins. Co., Tls. 850
O. & J. Marine Ins. Co., Tls. 107
Yangtze Ins. Association, Tls. 605
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Union S. Navigation Co., Tls. 75
Shanghai Steam N. Co., Tls. 75
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$65 dls.
Chinese Imperial Loan, 2102.

Temperature.

Hongkong, Feb. 18, 1876.
(Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

Thermometer—9 A.M., 64½
Do. 4 P.M., 65½
Do. Maximum, 66½
Do. Minimum, over night, 60
Barometer—9 A.M., 30.090
Do. 4 P.M., 29.982

Shipping Intelligence.

HOME SHIPPING.

The following is given in the London Paper, dated January 7:—

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 28, Deutchland, from Hamburg to Hongkong.
Dec. 29, Martha Brookman, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Dec. 30, Diomed (str.), from Liverpool to Shanghai.
Dec. 31, Beld Will, from London to Hongkong.

Jan. 1, Oxfordshire (str.), from London to China and Japan.

Jan. 1, Madagascar, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Jan. 8, Lyons, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Jan. 8, Tian, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Jan. 7, Quong So (Gloucester) (str.), from London to Shanghai.

Jan. 7, Pape, from Liverpool to Hongkong.

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Hongkong, February 8, 1876. mol



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A. MOIVER, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, February 17, 1876. mol2

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Hongkong, April 17, 1875.

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